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FROM ROCAP

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON MEAT TRADE

REF: STATE 208155

1. U.S. REGIONAL OFFICE FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN PROGRAMS
(ROCAP) HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO SECRETARIAT FOR CENTRAL
AMERICAN INTEGRATION (SIECA) THAT USG SUPPORTS MEXICO/CA
REPRESENTATION AT AD HOC MEETING PROPOSED BY AUSTRALIA.

2. ON SEPT 20, SIECA ASST SEC GEN TOLD ROCAP THAT SIECA

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HAD TAKEN SOUNDINGS WITH CA'S, AND THAT CA'S HAD DISCUSSED

THE MATTER AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH MEXICO. PRESENT CA POSITION ACCORDING THEIR SOURCE IS THAT CA'S HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED TO MEAT MTG; THEY THINK THEY SHOULD BE INVITED; AND, IF THEY ARE INVITED, THEY WILL WORK OUT REPRESENTATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND, IF APPROPRIATE, IN CONSULTATION WITH MEXICO. CA'S HAVE TOLD SIECA THAT "THERE IS NO OBJECTION" TO SIECA INCLUSION IN A CA DELEGATION, IF, IN FACT, IT TURNS OUT THAT CENTRAL AMERICA IS INVITED TO AND ATTENDS THE AUSTRALIAN MEETING.

3. COMMENTS:

A) WE GET THE IMPRESSION FROM SIECA'S TREATMENT OF THIS MATTER THAT THE CA'S ARE SOMEWHAT MIFFED AT NOT BEING INVITED TO ATTEND THE AUSTRALIAN MTG ON MEAT; FURTHERMORE, THAT THEY DON'T LIKE BEING SHOEHORNED INTO A PARTICULAR, AND PERHAPS AWKWARD, TYPE OF REPRESENTATION.

B) WE ALSO GET THE IMPRESSION THAT SIECA HAS NOT BEEN ACCORDED A LEADING POSITION IN THIS MATTER BY THE CA'S AND IS SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED AT HAVING TO TAKE A BACK SEAT IN THE CA/MEXICO NEGOTIATIONS.

C) THE CA/MEXICO NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES APPEAR DIRECTED AT GETTING A STRONGER CA VOICE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION OF THE MEAT TRADE. THE CA'S ARE NOT ONLY UNHAPPY ABOUT NOT BEING INVITED BY AUSTRALIA IN THE FIRST PLACE BUT THEY ARE ALSO LESS THAN SATISFIED BY THE USG FORMULATION CALLING FOR A JOINT REPRESENTATION WITH MEXICO. TRAGEN.

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